

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19 are requested to be canceled.

Claims 15 and 18 are currently being amended.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-12, 15 and 18 are now pending in this application.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-12 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 15 and 18. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 15 and 18 to be in independent format and thus in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as being indefinite, and claims 14, 16, 17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Miyazawa et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0003189). These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 13, 14, 16, 17, and 19.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for

such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to
Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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